Bushrangers

* Convicts from Van Diemen’s Land ( Tasmania)
* Criminals who attacked and robbed miners on the road
* Victims were robbed and was badly injured ( legs, arms) by tightropes
* Bushrangers were armed with guns and pistols
* The first bushranger was an escaped convict named Black Caesar
* Until 1842 bushrangers became less common
* Bushrangers mostly steal gold from diggers
* The goldfields are a violent and lawless place
* Captain Melville and others stole millions of gold from travellers returning from the gold fields
* During the 1850’s bushrangers lurked on the roads from Ballarat and Bendigo to Melbourne
* Many were injured by bushrangers who tried to steal gold from the escorts
* Frank Gardiner roamed the area of Bathurst between 1859 and 1862
* Frank Gardiner was famous to hold- up the robbery of the gold escorts
* They travelled in groups for protection against bushrangers
* Going alone can be robbed by bushrangers
* In 1862 bushranger Frank Gardiner and his gang robbed diggers and received 14 000 pounds of cash and gold